WEBVTT

dd99d50f-7efd-4719-9399-e33706e1fb0e-0
00:00:05.600 --> 00:00:10.880
George Ertl and Millie Brown eloped to
Paris, IL to marry in May of 19 O 5.

537d2a36-13d3-47f2-9cc5-a9ff64600349-0
00:00:11.480 --> 00:00:14.440
They returned to live in Burnett in Vigo
County, Indiana.

99e68304-059e-4530-a765-28124fecb346-0
00:00:15.120 --> 00:00:18.240
George worked as a coal miner and
whatever else he could find.

f1de3f74-3c98-415e-a50a-9fcb0d31d254-0
00:00:19.600 --> 00:00:22.520
They had ten children,
the last dying in infancy.

fe704ae4-a640-4a88-81d1-7856553caa18-0
00:00:22.880 --> 00:00:28.000
The 6th child was Joseph William,
born 10th of July 1918.

2194a6f2-1016-43b4-b499-ef6aef8cc7f8-0
00:00:30.240 --> 00:00:33.000
George and Millie never owned a home in
their lifetime.

eb0c305e-fb6b-4a61-a0e4-7fdca646c944-0
00:00:33.320 --> 00:00:37.320
They rented or on occasion may have lived
with relatives for a while.

8e121b66-8a91-4f55-98e8-b7cbcde7e887-0
00:00:39.440 --> 00:00:42.204
During these years they lived mostly in
Brunette,

8e121b66-8a91-4f55-98e8-b7cbcde7e887-1
00:00:42.204 --> 00:00:46.628
but in the early 30s they also moved to
Spelterville on the north edge of Terre

8e121b66-8a91-4f55-98e8-b7cbcde7e887-2
00:00:46.628 --> 00:00:46.960
Haute.

9fbe1504-97c4-411a-a7d1-23c2d65e516e-0
00:00:48.200 --> 00:00:51.208
The depression brought hard times for

every common man,

9fbe1504-97c4-411a-a7d1-23c2d65e516e-1
00:00:51.208 --> 00:00:53.680
but it was especially hard on a large
family.

d9e73651-cf76-4e39-83c7-27b8a0a7204a-0
00:00:54.240 --> 00:00:58.569
Joe quit school after the 8th grade and
went to work with his father in the mine

d9e73651-cf76-4e39-83c7-27b8a0a7204a-1
00:00:58.569 --> 00:01:00.600
where he pumped water for $0.50 a day.

0fc902fa-0318-4786-a792-073933509bfd-0
00:01:01.040 --> 00:01:04.640
His father was making $3 a day digging
coal with a pick and shovel.

3c1b8b17-e82f-4003-ba04-a40607b095ce-0
00:01:06.560 --> 00:01:10.756
Joe took whatever work he could find,
which was mostly seasonal help planting

3c1b8b17-e82f-4003-ba04-a40607b095ce-1
00:01:10.756 --> 00:01:12.640
or picking crops for local farmers.

b4485cd5-3d6d-4601-a788-1f17cdd605de-0
00:01:13.280 --> 00:01:16.330
In 1936,
he went to live and work for a while with

b4485cd5-3d6d-4601-a788-1f17cdd605de-1
00:01:16.330 --> 00:01:19.560
his Aunt Flora Burgess on their farm in
Bismarck, IL.

a0e951b6-b6ec-400d-b938-86ce2326513c-0
00:01:20.400 --> 00:01:24.317
In addition to three meals a day,
his Uncle Harry taught him how to drive,

a0e951b6-b6ec-400d-b938-86ce2326513c-1
00:01:24.317 --> 00:01:26.720
a skill that he would soon put to better
use.

a81fe9b6-dd88-408d-9d9a-6f0f5029da65-0
00:01:28.920 --> 00:01:33.274
In an effort to provide jobs for the vast
number of unemployed youth in the country,

a81fe9b6-dd88-408d-9d9a-6f0f5029da65-1
00:01:33.274 --> 00:01:37.373
the government established A Civilian
Conservation Corps in the mid 30s and put

a81fe9b6-dd88-408d-9d9a-6f0f5029da65-2
00:01:37.373 --> 00:01:41.061
battalions of men to work on various
ecological infrastructure projects

a81fe9b6-dd88-408d-9d9a-6f0f5029da65-3
00:01:41.061 --> 00:01:42.240
throughout the country.

866069dc-aaeb-4f04-adbb-701914b481fb-0
00:01:43.000 --> 00:01:46.871
In addition to your bunk and meals,
the job paid $30.00 a month,

866069dc-aaeb-4f04-adbb-701914b481fb-1
00:01:46.871 --> 00:01:51.280
but 25 of that was sent home to your
family, leaving you with $5 a month.

90bc126f-6b2b-4b34-b081-2cf20784b7a1-0
00:01:52.200 --> 00:01:56.960
Joe joined the CCCS in 1936,
opting to stay in state.

8da2c871-f03b-47d5-89ab-5260c3f66039-0
00:01:57.080 --> 00:02:00.320
He was sent to a drainage project in
Valparaiso, IN.

6c96e95e-4fed-449d-b941-ef46c4a65e27-0
00:02:02.000 --> 00:02:05.224
Since he knew how to drive,
he was assigned the job of shuttling

6c96e95e-4fed-449d-b941-ef46c4a65e27-1
00:02:05.224 --> 00:02:06.960
workers to and from the work sites.

61088d39-a990-4665-9ac3-2c1d8fa5e049-0
00:02:07.400 --> 00:02:09.520
That was a lot better than grubbing in
the ditches.

8dfdb3a3-fd10-4511-8910-91c03def4be0-0
00:02:10.680 --> 00:02:14.390
Tours in the CC Corps were supposed to be
for three years,

8dfdb3a3-fd10-4511-8910-91c03def4be0-1
00:02:14.390 --> 00:02:18.101
but Joe managed to get an extension of an
additional year,

8dfdb3a3-fd10-4511-8910-91c03def4be0-2
00:02:18.101 --> 00:02:19.800
then returned home in 1940.

0d1532da-2fdb-4442-abd0-510129cc6fe6-0
00:02:20.160 --> 00:02:22.240
But jobs were still difficult to find.

44dc4a84-eec6-4ebf-859c-c17f511d6a4f-0
00:02:23.720 --> 00:02:27.656
1940 did see one fortunate event one
Friday night,

44dc4a84-eec6-4ebf-859c-c17f511d6a4f-1
00:02:27.656 --> 00:02:30.280
his Burnett buddy Marian Fox said.

ba0acd24-5cad-4be0-b1c7-28c130286af9-0
00:02:30.560 --> 00:02:33.600
Let's go to the square dance in
Seeleyville and get us a girl.

09cce043-e93c-4a93-aedc-b6eaf97ddbe1-0
00:02:34.160 --> 00:02:39.240
At the dance hall at the Trails Inn,
he met a cute 18 year old Golden Modiset.

98c4a262-85e5-4978-bf48-b56494fe247a-0
00:02:40.800 --> 00:02:45.066
That encounter produced a strong romantic
courtship during which Joe walked the

98c4a262-85e5-4978-bf48-b56494fe247a-1
00:02:45.066 --> 00:02:47.680
five miles each way from Burnett to
Seeleyville.

732817ca-34a4-477b-84d0-812b88d63997-0
00:02:48.000 --> 00:02:52.403
Often three and four times a week,
he would load his pockets with rocks for

732817ca-34a4-477b-84d0-812b88d63997-1
00:02:52.403 --> 00:02:54.200
the dogs on the dark walk home.

d557f3a2-1e63-43e2-9b89-021092cd6f0f-0
00:02:56.160 --> 00:03:01.750
The courtship was interrupted when Joe

was notified he was selected for the US

d557f3a2-1e63-43e2-9b89-021092cd6f0f-1
00:03:01.750 --> 00:03:03.520
Army on April 12th, 1941.

1e6965cf-6bbd-4d8b-b04d-06128112cca9-0
00:03:03.640 --> 00:03:08.655
He kissed Golden goodbye and left the
Terre Haute train station with 181 others

1e6965cf-6bbd-4d8b-b04d-06128112cca9-1
00:03:08.655 --> 00:03:12.480
for Fort Benjamin Harrison,
where he was sworn into service.

64bb0eb9-1b99-4e6f-89d7-fe1957781fb6-0
00:03:20.640 --> 00:03:24.200
Joe was shipped to Camp Shelby near
Hattiesburg, Ms.

78145fdd-353d-4b74-bf96-40e8fe4608b9-0
00:03:24.200 --> 00:03:25.120
for basic training.

4c042ac2-734d-4ffd-a159-d936701e28f4-0
00:03:25.840 --> 00:03:29.256
Although his unit conducted assignments
at other locations,

4c042ac2-734d-4ffd-a159-d936701e28f4-1
00:03:29.256 --> 00:03:33.925
he would remain based there for the next
three years as a private in Company A of

4c042ac2-734d-4ffd-a159-d936701e28f4-2
00:03:33.925 --> 00:03:35.520
the 113th Medical Battalion.

d2fb6e2a-08e4-42d6-9ddb-a22321f5556c-0
00:03:37.240 --> 00:03:43.608
After basic training,
he returned home on leave to visit his

d2fb6e2a-08e4-42d6-9ddb-a22321f5556c-1
00:03:43.608 --> 00:03:47.680
parents and the love of his life, Gold.

b71f3c15-f649-479d-b08c-7ffdc276e6a5-0
00:03:58.560 --> 00:04:01.370
Being away from each other was difficult
for both of them,

b71f3c15-f649-479d-b08c-7ffdc276e6a5-1

00:04:01.370 --> 00:04:02.800
but their love remains strong.

8e8d0d35-85e6-4c2d-9d91-9d68648a7695-0
00:04:10.440 --> 00:04:14.560
Even though a war was underway in Europe,
America remained on the sidelines.

3d2c43e2-b420-49fd-a5b5-1788e3cdc7bf-0
00:04:14.560 --> 00:04:17.407
At this time,
Army life was rather monotonous,

3d2c43e2-b420-49fd-a5b5-1788e3cdc7bf-1
00:04:17.407 --> 00:04:22.253
but at least there were three meals a day,
and Joe was initially with his buddy

3d2c43e2-b420-49fd-a5b5-1788e3cdc7bf-2
00:04:22.253 --> 00:04:22.920
Marion Fox.

efff4879-7b6a-492b-97ad-f555f9f8e84b-0
00:04:24.760 --> 00:04:27.000
Then things changed abruptly.

e8e1bb17-fecf-4cf2-9ddd-68d83c116b24-0
00:04:48.610 --> 00:05:04.249
Army life and the drills became more
serious tomorrow as their love remains

e8e1bb17-fecf-4cf2-9ddd-68d83c116b24-1
00:05:04.249 --> 00:05:05.690
strong.

cd6a6569-3cc7-4890-a272-4a5088b458c5-0
00:05:05.970 --> 00:05:10.130
Golden managed to take a bus from Indiana
to visit Joe and Mississippi on one

cd6a6569-3cc7-4890-a272-4a5088b458c5-1
00:05:10.130 --> 00:05:10.610
occasion.

0b8407d5-c393-4246-ae2c-b8ed9025f55c-0
00:05:10.610 --> 00:05:15.200
They need me now,
And Joe visited Golden at her home.

0986a4ea-7783-4c12-8eb4-6981449e8689-0
00:05:15.200 --> 00:05:16.480
When I need leave, he could get.

d1ac8eee-46dc-4d36-8f72-96251841afea-0

00:05:20.000 --> 00:05:25.463
This led to their marriage in Muncie, IN,
where Joe's parents had subsequently

d1ac8eee-46dc-4d36-8f72-96251841afea-1
00:05:25.463 --> 00:05:27.400
moved on December 2nd, 1942.

47f8e653-4b8b-4ac9-9ac5-65784465acc2-0
00:05:28.240 --> 00:05:29.120
But it wasn't easy.

3bee9409-a706-461a-bf29-756dd45838ff-0
00:05:29.280 --> 00:05:32.080
They took a bus from Terre Haute to
Muncie in a snowstorm.

ba391a30-b393-4d0b-a72d-257ffef1be5e-0
00:05:34.000 --> 00:05:36.680
The snow melted quickly,
but their love remained strong.

48fc5557-a386-41b0-9730-97539adbed40-0
00:05:43.920 --> 00:05:48.285
Golden continued to live with her mother
in Seeleyville and Joe would return on

48fc5557-a386-41b0-9730-97539adbed40-1
00:05:48.285 --> 00:05:52.050
every leave he could manage,
but in early 43 his company was finally

48fc5557-a386-41b0-9730-97539adbed40-2
00:05:52.050 --> 00:05:56.525
shipped out to the Pacific Theater where
he would traverse the various islands in

48fc5557-a386-41b0-9730-97539adbed40-3
00:05:56.525 --> 00:05:59.799
the Philippines and New Guinea for the
duration of the war.

c7e8701b-04ca-4def-9d4d-77730c999943-0
00:06:01.400 --> 00:06:06.092
Joe learned of the birth of his son Larry
Joe, born December 26th, 1943,

c7e8701b-04ca-4def-9d4d-77730c999943-1
00:06:06.092 --> 00:06:08.600
while far away from his beloved Golden.

f85009ca-b944-437f-8bbd-887084e99873-0
00:06:09.240 --> 00:06:12.708
As soon as he got the news,

he sent a loving telegram to Golden and

f85009ca-b944-437f-8bbd-887084e99873-1
00:06:12.708 --> 00:06:13.320
his new son.

1f6936d0-480a-42f9-bad6-29d358bc0ad4-0
00:06:14.600 --> 00:06:17.327
Joe and his brother Arville,
nicknamed Cotty,

1f6936d0-480a-42f9-bad6-29d358bc0ad4-1
00:06:17.327 --> 00:06:22.011
were both sent to the Pacific Theatre,
but Cotty went much earlier as a member

1f6936d0-480a-42f9-bad6-29d358bc0ad4-2
00:06:22.011 --> 00:06:22.960
of the infantry.

d014b453-8c85-4612-b053-cab0d68f29b9-0
00:06:23.560 --> 00:06:27.783
Cotty saw heavy action at a time when
American equipment and supplies were

d014b453-8c85-4612-b053-cab0d68f29b9-1
00:06:27.783 --> 00:06:29.360
mostly being sent to Europe.

4051fc20-0095-4122-9728-87f2c768d342-0
00:06:31.440 --> 00:06:35.480
The natives of New Guinea were rather
bewildered at the power of Modern Warfare.

30741997-20d3-4802-972b-88530068fcb5-0
00:06:36.080 --> 00:06:38.200
They were for the most part friendly and
helpful.

cb6a53ef-fd86-40fa-a9f7-9092f19f3412-0
00:06:38.920 --> 00:06:42.640
Joe remembered them being employed to
build bamboo buildings for his company.

e0f5bd74-67a1-4799-9221-66fa6610f711-0
00:06:42.640 --> 00:06:46.372
At one point Joe would talk about his war
experiences,

e0f5bd74-67a1-4799-9221-66fa6610f711-1
00:06:46.372 --> 00:06:50.240
but it was obvious you were picking at
emotional wounds.

6da262e1-03f6-4135-81ab-14402dc40a6d-0
00:06:50.920 --> 00:06:53.818
As an ambulance driver,
he wasn't on the front lines,

6da262e1-03f6-4135-81ab-14402dc40a6d-1
00:06:53.818 --> 00:06:57.951
but did on several occasions get called
to the front to pick up the wounded,

6da262e1-03f6-4135-81ab-14402dc40a6d-2
00:06:57.951 --> 00:07:00.849
and on a few such occasions he was
assigned a weapon,

6da262e1-03f6-4135-81ab-14402dc40a6d-3
00:07:00.849 --> 00:07:03.480
which was unusual for members of a
medical unit.

158887e8-de5b-4b6c-99a1-95e3613b8911-0
00:07:05.040 --> 00:07:10.297
In addition to Connie, two other brothers,
George, Junior or dot, and Jim,

158887e8-de5b-4b6c-99a1-95e3613b8911-1
00:07:10.297 --> 00:07:12.120
saw action during the war.

56b4307b-1dc3-4907-9621-d851156c01fc-0
00:07:12.560 --> 00:07:16.606
The third, Wayne or Duke,
became old enough to join the Navy just

56b4307b-1dc3-4907-9621-d851156c01fc-1
00:07:16.606 --> 00:07:20.040
as the war was ending,
and he did not leave the States.

3e35b3ed-9677-407e-93e1-ea281c9ce4d5-0
00:07:20.040 --> 00:07:33.600
We'll build a home in the country after
the war had ended.

c01cd569-5a23-4fc6-a8fb-a7acf30d3dd7-0
00:07:33.800 --> 00:07:37.914
The fact that Joe had a wife and child
earned him enough points for a discharge

c01cd569-5a23-4fc6-a8fb-a7acf30d3dd7-1
00:07:37.914 --> 00:07:40.280
one month earlier than most of his
battalion.

84421562-b349-4340-8c6f-adb97b6a1987-0
00:07:42.000 --> 00:07:45.465
So after returning by ship under the
Golden Gate Bridge,

84421562-b349-4340-8c6f-adb97b6a1987-1
00:07:45.465 --> 00:07:49.052
which was quite an emotional experience
with waving flags,

84421562-b349-4340-8c6f-adb97b6a1987-2
00:07:49.052 --> 00:07:52.275
Joe travelled by train to Camp Atterbury
in Indiana,

84421562-b349-4340-8c6f-adb97b6a1987-3
00:07:52.275 --> 00:07:55.680
where he was honorably discharged on
October 4th, 1945.

afb8730c-7ac5-4c64-90d4-1d207d240e91-0
00:07:57.120 --> 00:08:01.100
He had done this duty,
as had countless others of his generation,

afb8730c-7ac5-4c64-90d4-1d207d240e91-1
00:08:01.100 --> 00:08:04.720
and now he returned home to his family to
build a new life.

854f1839-3200-4bf4-919c-62c8fa2d5814-0
00:08:07.280 --> 00:08:10.662
There were jobs to be had now,
but lacking a high school diploma,

854f1839-3200-4bf4-919c-62c8fa2d5814-1
00:08:10.662 --> 00:08:12.200
they were mostly manual labor.

df568ab5-4693-4087-89f4-dab41c2a2fa1-0
00:08:12.960 --> 00:08:15.431
As it turned out,
he would never earn more than the

df568ab5-4693-4087-89f4-dab41c2a2fa1-1
00:08:15.431 --> 00:08:17.760
prevailing minimum wage throughout his
lifetime.

40080524-be5f-4ff8-85eb-62d069323929-0
00:08:19.880 --> 00:08:23.840
He first took a job at the Terre Haute
Thai plant, which produced railroad ties.

d4587f37-4467-48bd-adb1-109706ca2d0f-0
00:08:24.320 --> 00:08:28.620
He said the creosote used in the process
took a layer of your skin off every 3 or

d4587f37-4467-48bd-adb1-109706ca2d0f-1
00:08:28.620 --> 00:08:29.040
4 weeks.

a07025d7-d2fb-47cf-9e74-a3f8720447be-0
00:08:30.960 --> 00:08:34.520
Their first place was a 2 room house
which they rented from a Mr.

b5f13414-32e6-4fff-a6bd-2f36f50a3ae8-0
00:08:34.520 --> 00:08:35.680
Anderson on Hwy.

d6f2d6a9-9371-442e-9ac1-0d54cc57a61a-0
00:08:35.680 --> 00:08:39.943
40 at the West End of Seeleyville,
but after a year they bought a House of

d6f2d6a9-9371-442e-9ac1-0d54cc57a61a-1
00:08:39.943 --> 00:08:43.240
their own in Seeleyville,
2 blocks from Goldman's mother.

d34c6eb0-abd2-432f-86b9-4952f1817c54-0
00:08:45.480 --> 00:08:50.725
Their second son was born on November
26th, 1946, whom they named Kenneth Wayne,

d34c6eb0-abd2-432f-86b9-4952f1817c54-1
00:08:50.725 --> 00:08:53.640
and their family was complete at that
point.

4037089e-9771-4e1a-83e8-329fec239530-0
00:08:56.000 --> 00:09:00.363
The old Chevy panel truck seen here in
front of Golden's home place served as a

4037089e-9771-4e1a-83e8-329fec239530-1
00:09:00.363 --> 00:09:03.800
naval conveyance for several of the early
years of the family.

9345bc8c-f5c6-4149-9135-3368e76e8391-0
00:09:05.760 --> 00:09:09.610
Golden battled bipolar disorder
throughout her lifetime and was

9345bc8c-f5c6-4149-9135-3368e76e8391-1

00:09:09.610 --> 00:09:12.920
hospitalized for several months in 1949
at Evansville.

a9857627-147c-41c3-a90f-e206f792b0a8-0
00:09:13.960 --> 00:09:15.880
Joe and the boys would visit when they
could.

2db78992-d1f3-440d-9adf-acc9d17e2c46-0
00:09:17.640 --> 00:09:21.547
It wasn't easy for anyone involved,
especially Golden,

2db78992-d1f3-440d-9adf-acc9d17e2c46-1
00:09:21.547 --> 00:09:27.018
but she did recover and was discharged
later that year after short spells at

2db78992-d1f3-440d-9adf-acc9d17e2c46-2
00:09:27.018 --> 00:09:27.800
other jobs.

59f3c1a4-89a1-4340-aaab-8992dff12efc-0
00:09:27.960 --> 00:09:32.001
Joe's veteran status helped him gain
employment at the Terre Haute Ordinance,

59f3c1a4-89a1-4340-aaab-8992dff12efc-1
00:09:32.001 --> 00:09:34.800
A quasi government facility on North
Fruit Ridge Ave.

1febfbb8-cda8-451e-88fd-1af0448a13a3-0
00:09:35.280 --> 00:09:37.880
He worked there about 10 years,
rising to a foreman.

d4e21796-3945-455d-ac3f-1db0dd281fe7-0
00:09:39.560 --> 00:09:43.390
Work and yard work kept him busy,
but he was proud of his family and had

d4e21796-3945-455d-ac3f-1db0dd281fe7-1
00:09:43.390 --> 00:09:45.280
time to play with his children, too.

6c39a3f2-0fd6-48f0-bac1-16a6e8c9c02a-0
00:09:46.760 --> 00:09:49.280
Easter sometimes brought new dress
clothes.

850542d9-f3d5-4015-95d0-0671adcf1206-0
00:09:51.840 --> 00:09:54.760

Seeleyville was at this time a good place
to raise a family.

9d6a2ffb-b75a-496b-8a85-962bdd193ff7-0
00:09:55.080 --> 00:09:58.280
Life was pretty good and the family was
happy with nothing to do.

dfe0ef26-afeb-4ee3-a6a3-65f735d2b785-0
00:10:04.200 --> 00:10:08.200
What to give to you?

b076b8d5-bad5-495a-ada0-4b249a85a1e0-0
00:10:08.200 --> 00:10:12.400
An occasional picnic or mushroom hunting
in the spring were familiar activities.

b96d0cef-fb06-41c2-af79-51d469b2288f-0
00:10:14.680 --> 00:10:18.901
Joe loved and respected his parents very
much and really enjoyed their occasional

b96d0cef-fb06-41c2-af79-51d469b2288f-1
00:10:18.901 --> 00:10:19.880
visits from Muncie.

1f15b1e6-0a93-475c-b50e-9201e7b4be4c-0
00:10:19.880 --> 00:10:30.740
A visit to the Saint Louis Zoo was a one
time opportunity for the family.

1b13101e-b10e-48dd-be06-cc03361f6bdb-0
00:10:33.100 --> 00:10:36.580
Close by State parks were more likely
candidates for visits.

7fa0e504-230d-4493-8142-91f3813689b2-0
00:10:45.880 --> 00:10:50.093
Joe enjoyed the camaraderie of drinking a
few beers with his buddies at the Legion

7fa0e504-230d-4493-8142-91f3813689b2-1
00:10:50.093 --> 00:10:51.160
or the local Taverns.

b02c5525-167f-4d4f-aafc-e560a9f31e3a-0
00:10:52.920 --> 00:10:56.800
A visit to Twin Lakes in Paris,
IL was a rare trip out of state.

2795d8c0-7a35-4216-bdda-5ca5369a2e5d-0
00:11:04.080 --> 00:11:08.973
Joe worked hard to keep that black 51
Chevy clean and polished after the job

2795d8c0-7a35-4216-bdda-5ca5369a2e5d-1
00:11:08.973 --> 00:11:12.849
ended at the ordinance,
Joe tried a couple of jobs for short

2795d8c0-7a35-4216-bdda-5ca5369a2e5d-2
00:11:12.849 --> 00:11:17.488
stints including Strand Steel and the
home packing slaughterhouse before

2795d8c0-7a35-4216-bdda-5ca5369a2e5d-3
00:11:17.488 --> 00:11:20.920
landing a job at the architect brick
plant in Brazil.

96b44772-aaa1-41ad-b6e1-53ba48ec2b1b-0
00:11:21.480 --> 00:11:24.639
It was mind numbing manual labor,
but along with Goldman's work,

96b44772-aaa1-41ad-b6e1-53ba48ec2b1b-1
00:11:24.639 --> 00:11:26.000
it would support the family.

e4766fc2-db42-45af-aeba-3d57d35de337-0
00:11:32.760 --> 00:11:36.160
In 1957,
Joe drove the family to Florida for their

e4766fc2-db42-45af-aeba-3d57d35de337-1
00:11:36.160 --> 00:11:39.693
one real vacation,
but instead of staying in motels,

e4766fc2-db42-45af-aeba-3d57d35de337-2
00:11:39.693 --> 00:11:43.960
they camped along the roadside parks
there at Lookout Mountain.

cb6a321b-7523-4fa1-8613-ad36205e78d1-0
00:11:43.960 --> 00:11:49.704
Here the house at 2nd and Heirs in
Sillyville had three rooms downstairs and

cb6a321b-7523-4fa1-8613-ad36205e78d1-1
00:11:49.704 --> 00:11:53.360
two more bedrooms upstairs where the boys
slept.

c2dd3c1b-c394-4e52-a703-91b106d32f36-0
00:11:53.440 --> 00:11:56.917
As they grew older,
brand new bicycles made an unforgettable

c2dd3c1b-c394-4e52-a703-91b106d32f36-1
00:11:56.917 --> 00:11:58.000
Christmas one year.

69aacc82-8f73-4a48-993e-a456a9daa1ee-0
00:12:00.160 --> 00:12:03.912
In addition to Joe's parents,
most of his brothers and sister also

69aacc82-8f73-4a48-993e-a456a9daa1ee-1
00:12:03.912 --> 00:12:07.048
lived in Muncie,
so occasional visitors from there also

69aacc82-8f73-4a48-993e-a456a9daa1ee-2
00:12:07.048 --> 00:12:08.840
included brother dot and family.

21597efd-f6f4-4ee2-b143-58d9ddac8a85-0
00:12:10.200 --> 00:12:14.323
While a large number of family visitors
made sleeping arrangements cozy,

21597efd-f6f4-4ee2-b143-58d9ddac8a85-1
00:12:14.323 --> 00:12:18.560
they provided the benefit of spirited
games of euchre and especially arts.

5eb31ae7-16d0-4995-b806-83a56966b8f5-0
00:12:20.000 --> 00:12:24.196
Golden was a dedicated churchgoer her
whole life and Joe would join her on

5eb31ae7-16d0-4995-b806-83a56966b8f5-1
00:12:24.196 --> 00:12:28.168
occasions here at the Pilgrim Holiness
Church across from the house in

5eb31ae7-16d0-4995-b806-83a56966b8f5-2
00:12:28.168 --> 00:12:28.840
Seeleyville.

30641786-eb16-478f-bff8-e350de624049-0
00:12:30.880 --> 00:12:35.253
The family of Golden's sister Mardel
lived close and of course her mother was

30641786-eb16-478f-bff8-e350de624049-1
00:12:35.253 --> 00:12:37.720
very close,
so they were frequent visitors.

d67dc1dc-ba75-4e43-81ab-5f706b64baf6-0

00:12:44.320 --> 00:12:50.120
After the 51 Chevy came the 2 tone cream
and tan 54 also kept looking nice.

f4f81ba7-2362-4fbb-a00a-cc9259c69365-0
00:12:56.930 --> 00:13:00.010
Joe truly enjoyed growing a garden his
entire life.

f16d3178-f032-49b7-bcfd-f130734de17a-0
00:13:00.410 --> 00:13:02.570
He was just like his father in that
respect.

ac9bdac9-79ad-4122-a2ec-0e2206459582-0
00:13:04.520 --> 00:13:07.040
For a few years,
Joe enjoyed hunting rabbits.

b90e4dc6-5ac4-4518-948e-23e43ee2116a-0
00:13:07.440 --> 00:13:10.158
During one winter when he was laid off
work,

b90e4dc6-5ac4-4518-948e-23e43ee2116a-1
00:13:10.158 --> 00:13:13.360
he bagged 44 rabbits so the family didn't
go hungry.

3fb7bc14-93a4-46e7-8eb8-d36204f8e12f-0
00:13:13.600 --> 00:13:16.360
But there was not a lot of variation in
the diet that year.

26c4bd9e-4a58-4679-a73a-d875ff55b2ac-0
00:13:18.400 --> 00:13:21.560
As the teenager,
Larry became knowledgeable about cars.

19f23c29-138e-4d1e-9189-5bab13f075c4-0
00:13:28.320 --> 00:13:32.400
In addition to keeping his cars clean,
Joe truly loved flying the flag.

c4693e9e-dd62-47b4-87cc-2c5931832436-0
00:13:39.560 --> 00:13:46.007
Larry married Roberta Russell in 1964 and
the first grandchild for Joe, Laurie Ann,

c4693e9e-dd62-47b4-87cc-2c5931832436-1
00:13:46.007 --> 00:13:48.080
was born in September 1965.

9b1e02c6-eefb-4cdc-ae1f-33d772e860a0-0

00:13:49.800 --> 00:13:54.603
The death of their father in December
1968 brought 6 of the 7 remaining Earl

9b1e02c6-eefb-4cdc-ae1f-33d772e860a0-1
00:13:54.603 --> 00:13:58.160
brothers and one sister together with her
ailing mother.

52b86cca-a75f-4c43-87b5-6915754108d6-0
00:14:00.160 --> 00:14:04.960
In July of 1969, their second son,
Ken was married to Nancy Ferguson.

f466aed1-9273-4307-ae9b-daef7ab89249-0
00:14:05.360 --> 00:14:07.840
In August they moved to Iowa for Graduate
School.

c2a0f6aa-fabc-4c2b-8305-7269742d5d6b-0
00:14:07.840 --> 00:14:11.640
I'm no good without you any heart.

f4ce607d-f103-4179-baff-d2c25b1b778d-0
00:14:14.880 --> 00:14:19.120
Joe's mother was ailing with bone cancer
and living with her son Jim in Bedford.

a7c1e566-8437-4926-81df-142f68c3ed09-0
00:14:19.480 --> 00:14:22.000
She would die in October 1970.

6d9c450f-4571-47a8-a9a7-0c4151525b7f-0
00:14:23.840 --> 00:14:28.038
Lisa Elaine,
the second daughter of Larry and Roberta,

6d9c450f-4571-47a8-a9a7-0c4151525b7f-1
00:14:28.038 --> 00:14:34.527
was born in November 1969 in Jacksonville,
IL Joe and Golden had bought the house at

6d9c450f-4571-47a8-a9a7-0c4151525b7f-2
00:14:34.527 --> 00:14:35.520
1547 Plum St.

a5ca9954-17c8-466d-b180-2a97e3d000fb-0
00:14:35.520 --> 00:14:40.800
in Terre Haute from Roberta's parents and
moved into that house in February of 1969.

3c72b525-58b4-4f7b-b9ac-2bdf6dd172e3-0
00:14:41.240 --> 00:14:45.520
Here Joe is with three of his brothers,

dot, Les and Jim.

fe33890f-846d-406b-bdf1-12b71e7ea5c1-0
00:14:47.320 --> 00:14:52.040
Jeffrey Wayne was born to Ken and Nancy
in December 1973 in New Jersey.

1de7393b-6511-41de-9b55-9e61d4dcb46a-0
00:14:52.640 --> 00:14:56.160
Joe enjoyed every opportunity to see his
far-flung grandchildren.

d56f6663-d6dd-408c-a056-7a597b8635dd-0
00:14:57.680 --> 00:15:01.733
The Ertl brothers continued to get
together infrequently here at Jim's home

d56f6663-d6dd-408c-a056-7a597b8635dd-1
00:15:01.733 --> 00:15:02.320
in Bedford.

b00d2e0a-a50d-44d8-9bca-a6924fec1a97-0
00:15:04.040 --> 00:15:06.691
The front porch swing was a favorite
place for Joe,

b00d2e0a-a50d-44d8-9bca-a6924fec1a97-1
00:15:06.691 --> 00:15:08.680
especially if he was with a grandchild.

4d329756-4e10-4e3e-ad4a-3b6e1e398a1c-0
00:15:16.000 --> 00:15:18.120
Joe's brother Al was 10 years older.

9daa63f5-4076-4ffe-92d5-d4576f7c628d-0
00:15:18.400 --> 00:15:24.703
He remained in the Terre Haute area
during some of those idle hours in the

9daa63f5-4076-4ffe-92d5-d4576f7c628d-1
00:15:24.703 --> 00:15:25.040
CCC.

a9c11ee9-b43f-4f68-8abf-cbc6a484c048-0
00:15:25.400 --> 00:15:28.440
Joe had picked up the game of pool and
became quite good at it.

83293c22-c341-4902-a098-9a78de68967c-0
00:15:30.120 --> 00:15:33.527
Joe and Golden enjoyed their visits to
Larry's house in Illinois,

83293c22-c341-4902-a098-9a78de68967c-1

00:15:33.527 --> 00:15:36.676
especially when they got to see their
granddaughters Laurie,

83293c22-c341-4902-a098-9a78de68967c-2
00:15:36.676 --> 00:15:39.000
Lisa and Larry's first daughter,
Sarah Jean.

6d4ed4a0-b32a-4303-bee6-e331451d7eae-0
00:15:39.000 --> 00:15:46.747
Of his marriage to Chris Whistler,
Emily Joe was born May 1982,

6d4ed4a0-b32a-4303-bee6-e331451d7eae-1
00:15:46.747 --> 00:15:52.680
in which the second daughter of Larry and
Chris.

6780096a-ad93-4f15-b8b8-d6b2a1d53270-0
00:15:59.100 --> 00:16:01.768
In 1980,
Larry and his family brought Joe and

6780096a-ad93-4f15-b8b8-d6b2a1d53270-1
00:16:01.768 --> 00:16:05.133
Golden to visit Ken,
Nancy and Jeff at their house in New

6780096a-ad93-4f15-b8b8-d6b2a1d53270-2
00:16:05.133 --> 00:16:05.539
Jersey.

58cd0e56-596f-4ab8-88b6-4e1eaa9786a7-0
00:16:06.060 --> 00:16:07.420
Here they visit Wall Street.

df4e8f23-f1d0-4906-aa8b-3c4412496d34-0
00:16:09.820 --> 00:16:13.690
Joe also worked at the shipping and
receiving area of Wolco Department stores

df4e8f23-f1d0-4906-aa8b-3c4412496d34-1
00:16:13.690 --> 00:16:14.980
in North Terre Haute Hill.

eda02cac-4a2e-45d3-8eb9-bc89dbcdb5a5-0
00:16:14.980 --> 00:16:22.780
The last petals fall from the roses.

a4070b32-5364-4459-af94-1fd2c1fb5fab-0
00:16:27.840 --> 00:16:31.590
After serious back problems which really
plagued in his whole life,

a4070b32-5364-4459-af94-1fd2c1fb5fab-1
00:16:31.590 --> 00:16:35.340
in a subsequent operation,
Joe had to look for a less strenuous job

a4070b32-5364-4459-af94-1fd2c1fb5fab-2
00:16:35.340 --> 00:16:37.160
and serve for a while as a guard.

f4aece5a-aaa2-40a6-a2b4-31ab92fde87d-0
00:16:38.800 --> 00:16:43.077
If Joe couldn't have a garden,
he still enjoys seeing how someone else's

f4aece5a-aaa2-40a6-a2b4-31ab92fde87d-1
00:16:43.077 --> 00:16:45.480
was doing here in Larry's at Springfield.

c8fa4160-e318-4950-b37b-f252886ed3b3-0
00:16:47.720 --> 00:16:51.335
In 1990, Joe and Golden,
along with granddaughter Sarah,

c8fa4160-e318-4950-b37b-f252886ed3b3-1
00:16:51.335 --> 00:16:54.000
flew to New Jersey to visit Ken and Nancy.

3b702157-ce00-4e3e-a3cb-56929c2f07e2-0
00:16:54.480 --> 00:16:57.480
Here, Joe,
Sarah and Ken are in Philadelphia.

9ac1efde-4204-4a9a-95af-196ca7ea3505-0
00:16:59.360 --> 00:17:02.625
And here,
on the ferry from Staten Island to

9ac1efde-4204-4a9a-95af-196ca7ea3505-1
00:17:02.625 --> 00:17:06.398
Manhattan,
Golden celebrates her 70th birthday with

9ac1efde-4204-4a9a-95af-196ca7ea3505-2
00:17:06.398 --> 00:17:10.680
Glenn High School classmates Grace Emery
and Leo Phillips.

cbfe986f-bd6f-4194-8386-566fc4c12625-0
00:17:26.520 --> 00:17:29.240
Though he didn't have room for a garden
in Terre Haute,

cbfe986f-bd6f-4194-8386-566fc4c12625-1

00:17:29.240 --> 00:17:31.280
Joe continued to grow impressive tomatoes.

89f5d102-0ccc-4cad-b6a8-62eba8ce9506-0
00:17:33.000 --> 00:17:37.941
In addition to six grandchildren here,
Laurie and Lisa, Laurie had two children,

89f5d102-0ccc-4cad-b6a8-62eba8ce9506-1
00:17:37.941 --> 00:17:39.040
Matthew and Jenny.

cdf46535-89d3-4abe-be56-e22ddb8798b5-0
00:17:40.840 --> 00:17:43.280
Visits with brothers Jim and Duke
continued.

3a1e4da1-0c6f-41c2-946f-816089e89cc4-0
00:17:50.720 --> 00:17:54.880
Joe and Golden attend the graduation of
Jeff for his master's degree from Purdue.

ce299a3a-acd9-4931-b431-4ed7ad3a2d86-0
00:17:56.960 --> 00:17:59.402
The flag held a special place in his
heart,

ce299a3a-acd9-4931-b431-4ed7ad3a2d86-1
00:17:59.402 --> 00:18:02.900
even as macular degeneration
progressively claimed much of his

ce299a3a-acd9-4931-b431-4ed7ad3a2d86-2
00:18:02.900 --> 00:18:03.400
eyesight.

929664b0-c3f1-4f33-b8c2-e0253e65b3bf-0
00:18:05.160 --> 00:18:10.386
Triple bypass surgery in June of 1998
saved his life but started a slow decline

929664b0-c3f1-4f33-b8c2-e0253e65b3bf-1
00:18:10.386 --> 00:18:11.040
of memory.

3d072cfd-ba47-4e7c-91a5-3abc6bc32c4a-0
00:18:12.560 --> 00:18:16.040
Larry and children Sarah,
Emily and Conrad visit Terre Haute.

2eb85a06-7a7d-4329-900a-e75810cc567b-0
00:18:23.080 --> 00:18:27.072
Brother Jim's health was declining and
this would be one of the last times they

2eb85a06-7a7d-4329-900a-e75810cc567b-1
00:18:27.072 --> 00:18:28.520
would have a chance to visit.

df96df23-22c3-4a6c-b8fd-18cdee773b98-0
00:18:35.760 --> 00:18:39.400
That front porch swing was a favorite
place to watch the world go by.

617f8cb7-25c7-4580-95c3-f21b4bdc4c30-0
00:18:46.400 --> 00:18:49.484
They had a love,
perseverance and commitments that carried

617f8cb7-25c7-4580-95c3-f21b4bdc4c30-1
00:18:49.484 --> 00:18:51.000
them through the rough times.

63fb08a1-d3b7-438c-aa83-501acd779650-0
00:18:55.320 --> 00:19:00.654
Although he still had peripheral vision,
Joe was declared legally blind by the VA

63fb08a1-d3b7-438c-aa83-501acd779650-1
00:19:00.654 --> 00:19:01.760
hospital in 2001.

920cf7ca-2f35-475b-bdfc-e1dc5d60d2e2-0
00:19:02.600 --> 00:19:05.069
This,
along with his profound loss of hearing

920cf7ca-2f35-475b-bdfc-e1dc5d60d2e2-1
00:19:05.069 --> 00:19:06.680
left him in a difficult world.

f0c235e4-7336-4d94-9e0a-34e357759d0f-0
00:19:09.000 --> 00:19:14.745
Last remaining brother Duke lived in
Brazil and visited occasionally spells

f0c235e4-7336-4d94-9e0a-34e357759d0f-1
00:19:14.745 --> 00:19:17.240
with hallucinations and delirium.

ac021cc3-2584-4fbf-9f76-515a336ec75f-0
00:19:17.240 --> 00:19:20.360
In December of 2003, hospitalized Joe.

6f160df5-5d37-4931-86df-8693f160d195-0
00:19:21.000 --> 00:19:26.291
He was subsequently transitioned to
Harborside Healthcare on December 23rd,

6f160df5-5d37-4931-86df-8693f160d195-1
00:19:26.291 --> 00:19:26.640
2003.

7b13b46d-623d-4d15-9d23-e336e3b9c0e4-0
00:19:33.320 --> 00:19:37.991
An opportunity to attend the wedding of
granddaughter Emily in Springfield,

7b13b46d-623d-4d15-9d23-e336e3b9c0e4-1
00:19:37.991 --> 00:19:40.880
IL in August 2004 was very enjoyable for
them.

6c42b9c1-99b6-4ce3-8e26-de0859e969c7-0
00:19:53.200 --> 00:19:56.835
A visit from Ken, Nancy,
Jeff and Krista makes for another

6c42b9c1-99b6-4ce3-8e26-de0859e969c7-1
00:19:56.835 --> 00:19:57.760
enjoyable time.

30d34f20-f352-4852-9453-c0e5096e66bd-0
00:19:59.960 --> 00:20:05.640
The flagpole and the front porch swing
are two defining fixtures at 1547 Plum St.

cb0e62eb-456e-4ada-bc93-4b813081e373-0
00:20:07.800 --> 00:20:11.658
Great granddaughter Isabel,
daughter of Sarah and Tim Robinson,

cb0e62eb-456e-4ada-bc93-4b813081e373-1
00:20:11.658 --> 00:20:12.080
visits.

6f2618fd-6fc1-4ab6-9b5d-f06f46521860-0
00:20:19.760 --> 00:20:25.645
A visit from Larry, Lori, Emily and Lisa,
along with great grandchildren Rimi,

6f2618fd-6fc1-4ab6-9b5d-f06f46521860-1
00:20:25.645 --> 00:20:29.520
Russ and newest edition Keegan is a happy
occasion.

0a82f5a8-b971-494f-8cee-eacd71a9b05d-0
00:20:31.560 --> 00:20:35.760
Great grandchildren Jenny and Matt join
Keegan and Rimi here.

5d4770c7-410a-4761-a315-bd8e27366dcc-0

00:20:37.880 --> 00:20:45.417
There is an enduring love here,
A full life of 88 years and 64 years of

5d4770c7-410a-4761-a315-bd8e27366dcc-1
00:20:45.417 --> 00:20:46.360
marriage.

622ff6fe-abfd-4caf-9d58-837a0f59f7ae-0
00:20:46.800 --> 00:20:54.113
A life well lived After fighting off 1
case of pneumonia in November of 2006,

622ff6fe-abfd-4caf-9d58-837a0f59f7ae-1
00:20:54.113 --> 00:21:00.957
he was too weak to recover from another
bout in March of 2007 and passed

622ff6fe-abfd-4caf-9d58-837a0f59f7ae-2
00:21:00.957 --> 00:21:04.520
peacefully about 4:00 AM on March 9th.

7a912845-79a8-4d84-84f0-770ddaa78363-0
00:21:06.080 --> 00:21:10.052
It is hard to let go,
but the bond of husband and wife is

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You were and will remain loved by your
family.

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We simply say thank you, Dad.

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We're grateful for your life.